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TITLE: Modified Three Lobe Search Method

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- _x__ An Information Disclosure Statement By Applicants
- _x__ A Separate Declaration For Each Of The Two Inventors, The Two Declarations Being On Two Sheets, One Sheet For Each Inventor
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